(c) if so, what are the Designations, Pay Scales and minimum qualifications required for the appointment of the officials mentioned in (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If animal slaughtered illegally is found fit for human consumption, the same is released after charging composition fee. If meat is found unfit for human consumption, the same is destroyed by the mobile squad in their presence.

(c) The designation of the officials is Assistant Veterinary Surgeon and their pay scale is Rs. 2000 to Rs. 3500. The minimum qualification for appointment of these officials is Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry.

Functioning of Zonal Office (WC) of CPWD

1735. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the item regarding improvement in the functioning of Zonal Offices (WC) of CPWD is pending in the Departmental Council (JCM);

(b) whether it is also a fact that *status quo* should be maintained on an item till the matter is pending in the National or Departmental Council (JCM);

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Ministry/Department has decided to keep the post of Zonal Officer (WC), New Delhi vacant and has issued orders that G.P.F. accounts of the workers should not be sent to Zonal Officer (WC) with effect from April, 1991; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken as such to keep the post of Zonal Officer (Workcharge) vacant. Decision to transfer the GPF accounts of the workcharged staff to their respective divisions from Zonal office at Delhi has been taken with a view to mitigate the hardships of the workers themselves. DGW, CPWD had appointed a Departmental Committee to go into the said question and it was on the recommendation of this Committee that the above decision was taken.

Development of inland fisheries

1736. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the various programmes for development of inland fisheries and achievements as a result thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALIY RAMACHANDRAN): The major programme for development of inland fisheries are setting up to Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs), construction of national fish seed farms/hatcheries, setting up of pilot project to utilise organic waste (sewage) for fish culture and integrated brackish water fish farm development.

In the last three years 178 FFDAs have been sanctioned out of total 365 FFDAs approved so far for establishment in various States. The FFDAs have brought 0.97 lakh ha. of tanks and ponds under improved fish culture and trained 1.43 lakh fish farmers during the last three years, out of the total area of 2.83 lakh ha. covered and 3.31 lakh fish farmers trained, respectively by FFDAs so far since inception of the scheme. The average productivity from tanks and ponds during the last three years has increased from 1330 kg./ha./annum in 1987-88 to 1905 kg./ha./annum in 1990-91. Nine commercial fish seed farms/hatcheries have been completed during the last three years under the national programme for fish seed development.

One pilot project has been completed in the last three years out of six pilot projects sanctioned to utilise organic

waste (sewage) for fish culture in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The assistance during the period was also provided to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Governments for development of reservoir fisheries and coldwater fisheries respectively.

Under the Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farm Development Scheme, 4 shrimp seed hatcheries, 2 demonstration prawn farms and 25 Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs) were sanctioned for establishment. A UNDP Coastal Aquaculture project was taken up for implementation in 1986 under which 4 pilot prawn farms and one prawn seed hatchery were taken up for construction during the last three years. Over 6000 ha. brackishwater land was brought under prawn farming by BFDAs in the last three years.

Recruitment of work charged staff in CPWD

1737. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban in CPWD in Delhi on regularisation/appointment on work charged staff of muster roll wiremen; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to remove the ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) There is no ban as such in CPWD in Delhi on regularisation/appointment on workcharged staff of muster roll wiremen, but the CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi, on an application filed by some workers, has given an interim direction that no muster roll employee working as wiremen shall be regularised in the post of wireman till further orders. The Hon'ble Tribunal has been approached by the CPWD to modify the orders so that services of muster roll wiremen can be regularised.

Vacant posts of Beldars at Central Public Work Department, Pune

1738. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of vacant posts of Beldars at Pune under Pune Central Division of CPWD;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There are at present two vacancies in the posts of Beldar at Pune under Pune Central Division of CPWD.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

On-going Railways Schemes in Rajasthan and Orissa

1739. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount spent in 1990 and till date on the on-going Railways Schemes pertaining to over-bridges, platform, general amenities to passengers etc. in (i) Rajasthan and (ii) Orissa States; and

(b) what is the likely time by which each of these schemes would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The allocations during 1990-91 and 1991-92 for the works of provision of over-bridges, platforms and general amenities to passengers at stations in the States of Rajasthan